

**Amendments to the Claims**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in the application:

Claim 1 (currently amended): An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child, comprising:

a device that is securable and suspendable around a neck of a user;

a retaining mechanism connected to the neck device; and

an interchangeable entertainment object interchangeably and securely connected to the retaining mechanism within easy reach of the young child being held by the user, the interchangeable entertainment object being age appropriate and made of colors, materials, and shapes that entertain and pacify the young child, and wherein the interchangeable entertainment object comprises contrasting primary colors, promotes chewing, and provides a visual stimulus to the child.

Claim 2 (original): An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 1, wherein the neck device comprises one of a necklace, chain, tether, cord, or filament.

Claim 3 (original): An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 1, wherein the interchangeable entertainment object is for a newborn child less than three months in age.

Claim 4 (original): An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 1, wherein the interchangeable entertainment object is for a child three to nine months in age.

Claim 5 (original): An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 1, wherein the interchangeable entertainment object is for a child more than nine months in age.

Claims 6 and 7 (canceled).

Claim 8 (original): An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 4, wherein the interchangeable entertainment object comprises bright colors and textures.

Claim 9 (original): An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child as recited in claim 5, wherein the interchangeable entertainment object comprises shapes, pictures, and letters that can be used as a learning device.

Claim 10 (currently amended): An apparatus for entertaining and pacifying a young child, comprising:

a necklace that is securable and suspendable around a neck of a user;

a clasp connected to the necklace; and

an interchangeable entertainment object having a hole provided therethrough for interchangeably and securely connecting to the clasp within easy reach of the young child being held by the user, the interchangeable entertainment object being age appropriate and made of colors, materials, and shapes that entertain and pacify the young child, wherein the interchangeable entertainment object promotes chewing and provides a visual stimulus to the child, and wherein the interchangeable entertainment object comprises one of:

contrasting primary colors for a newborn child less than three months in age,

~~a colorful liquid to promote chewing and provide a visual stimulus to a newborn child  
less than three months in age,~~

bright colors and textures for child three to nine months in age, or

shapes, pictures, and letters that can be used as a learning device for a child more than  
nine months in age.